

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1864 - HB 2489

March 10, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Education (DOE) to promulgate rules and regulations in order to certify non-profit 501(c)3 organizations to volunteer to teach students in various subjects in grades kindergarten through third. A certified non-profit organization shall be allowed to enter a school during and after school hours; provided the teaching of the non-profit's courses does not interfere with the regularly scheduled courses provided by the local school. A non-profit organization that wishes to participate must meet certain requirements including but not limited to: (1) maintaining a minimum number of volunteers as determined by either the population of the locality where the non-profit is located or by the Commissioner of the DOE in certain situations and (2) requiring all volunteers to undergo a background check. If a non-profit organization violates the rules promulgated by the Commissioner, the local education agency shall have the authority to remove the certified non-profit organization from the program. The effective date is January 1, 2017, excluding the promulgation of program rules and regulations.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue – Exceeds \$1,000/TBI

Assumptions:

- The DOE will promulgate program rules and regulations in the normal course of business utilizing existing personnel without a significant increase in expenditures.
- Any increase in expenditures for background checks; course materials; or other costs will be borne by the participating non-profit organization.
- While the total number of volunteers is unknown, it is estimated that a minimum of 25 people will participate statewide each year.
- This bill will require background checks to be performed annually by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI).
- The cost of the TBI background check is estimated to be \$38 per person.
- The recurring increase in state revenue is estimated to exceed \$950 (25 x \$38).
- TBI will not employ additional staff to help process these background checks.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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